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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2002, in the above referenced application.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, rewrite the paragraph starting at line 8, to read as follows:

The present invention relates to methods and systems for image-guided effector placement.

21 Methods and systems of the invention enable minimally invasive image-guided interventions with a single cross-sectional image and without the use of a sterotactic frame or separate fiducial

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